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REMARKS/COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of the original rejected base Claim. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 are therefore no longer dependent upon a rejected base Claim. No Claim in the original application was ever made dependent upon the rejected and cancelled independent base Claim 7.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned Amendment with Markings to Show Changes Made.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) An anti-spray, spray containment terminus for an aquarium airlift tube (in which upward water flow is created by the combination of a tube and the natural buoyancy of aeration bubbles) that performs the dual purpose of preventing the escape of aeration bubbles from the airlift tube and anti-spray terminus assembly, and a means for preventing the spray of fluids resulting from the implosion of the contained aeration bubbles from escaping from the said anti-spray terminus, without the need for any filtering materials or water pump in order to contain the spray. ~~The anti-spray terminus of Claim 1 wherein~~ Wherein the aeration bubbles are removed from the water flow by the means of an inner and outer cylindrical tube, that achieve the purpose of channeling the upward water flow from an aquarium airlift tube to a downward direction, an upper air baffle that allows free passage of air while at the same time intercepting the passage of spray and an exit jet that has been placed beneath the water surface deeply enough, so that the natural buoyancy of the aeration bubbles will have counteracted the velocity of the downward flowing water sufficiently to allow the aeration bubbles to be contained.